





Project Overview
Process / Methodology
Key Learnings
Preliminary Recommendations



- Planning across a region could be effective in addressing common health needs.
  - Sharing of Best Practices
  - Improving Communication
  - Enhancing Partnerships
  - Utilizing a Health Systems Approach



Lower Hudson Valley health planning initiative

Funded by the Health Care Efficiency & Affordability Law (HEAL 9) grant program

Collaborative effort with HVRHON and the NYMC School of Health Sciences & Practice



Lower Hudson Valley Characteristics:





Scope of work includes community health assessment, prioritization of needs and recommendations:

- Develop Regional Performance Monitoring Tool
- Identify and strengthen health systems partnerships
- Identify models of healthcare delivery and disease prevention strategies
- Develop a web based health information portal
- Sponsor a regional summit for health leaders
- Develop initiatives to improve the health of the region



Formed in February 2009, the project team works collaboratively, each member bringing a unique set of skills, to achieve objectives

- Steering Committee: Commissioners & Public Health Directors
- ▶Project Director: Oscar Alleyne
- ➤ Associate Project Director: *Linda Harelick*
- County Health Department Representatives:

Rana Ali Nancy McGraw Jiali Li

Colleen Larsen Vincent Martello Renee Recchia

Erin Ray Pascaretti Stacy Kraft Barbara Ilardi

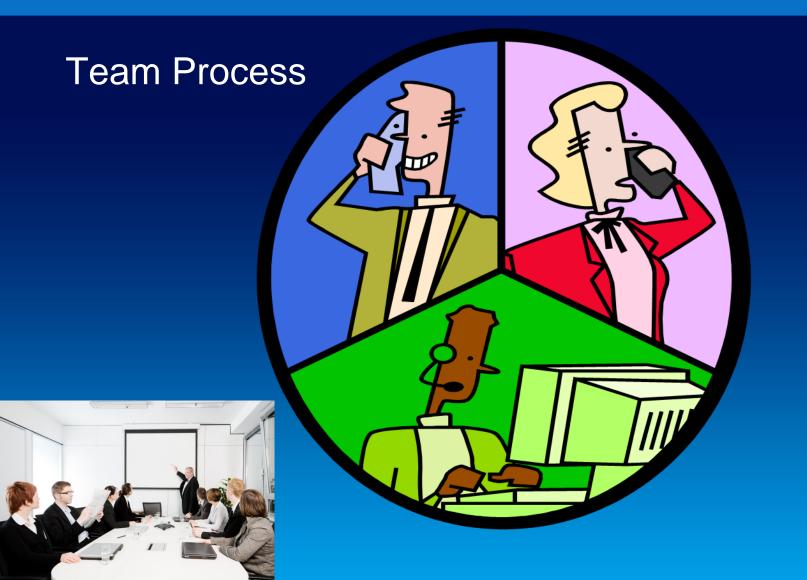
Health Services Researchers: Peter Arno, Deborah Viola



#### Roles & Responsibilities

- Steering Committee
  - Leadership and strategic direction
- Project Team:
  - Provide expertise on relevant subject matters
  - √ Implement county-specific tasks
- Director
  - Coordinate planning, development & implementation
- Health Service Researchers
  - Provide technical assistance on research efforts







# Consumer Survey

Access to Care

**Chronic Disease Prevention & Control** 



Maternal & Child Health

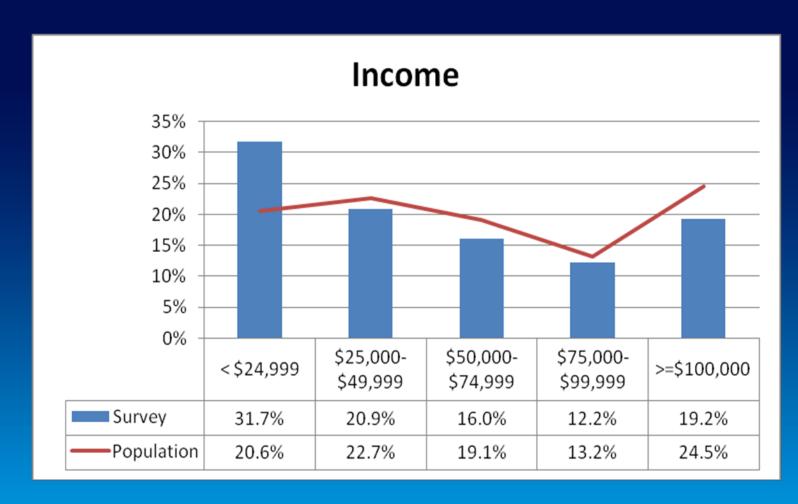
## Methodology



- Mixed mode approach: self administered paper & online
- Distribution throughout region
- Statistically relevant sample
- Collected over 6,900 surveys
- Mirrors region's county population

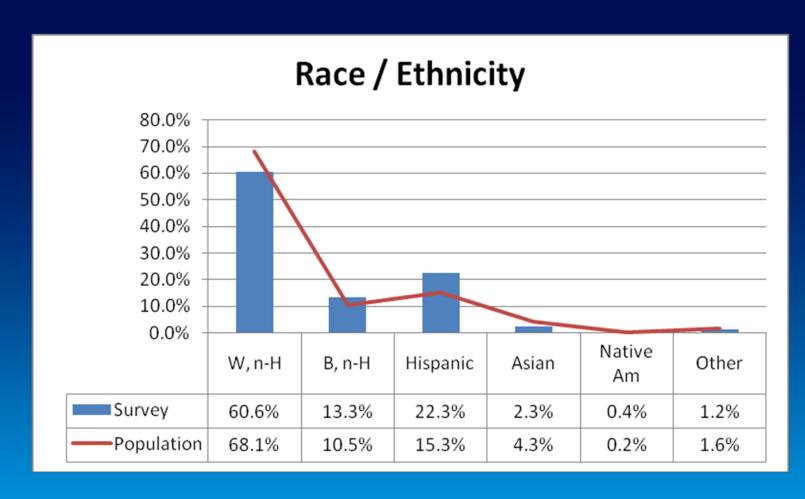
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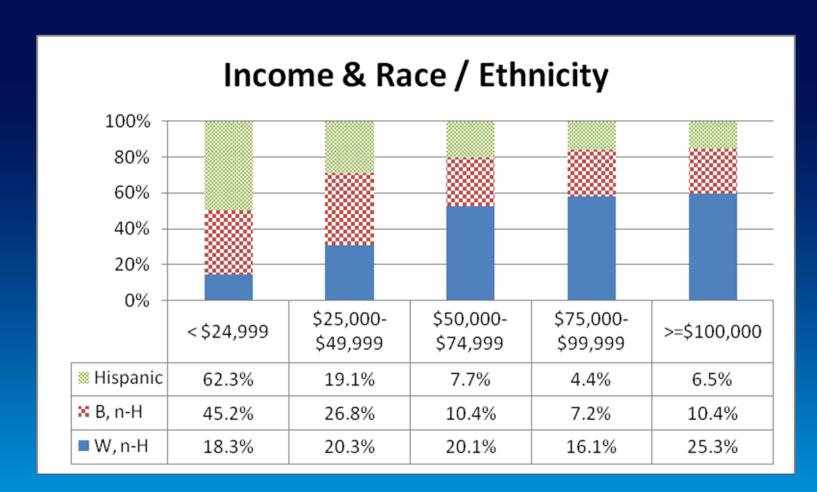
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## **Findings**



#### **Priority Areas**

- Access to Quality Health Care & Insurance Status
- Chronic Disease Prevention & Control Obesity





#### No insurance

➤ Health 15.5%

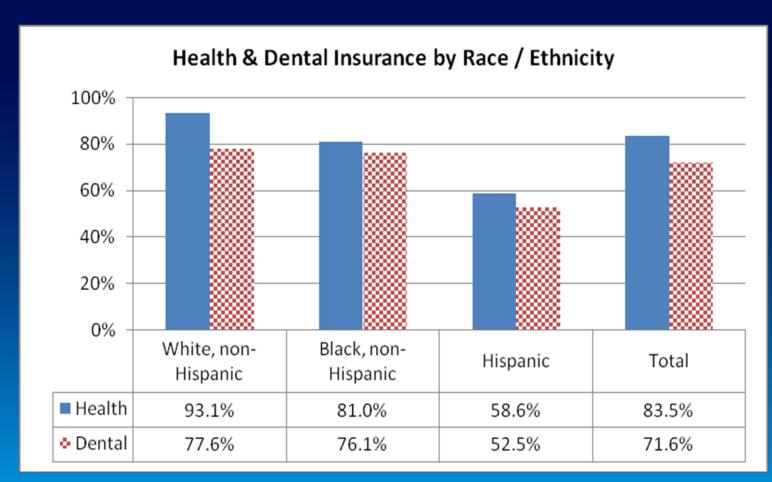
Dental 27.1%

Prescription Drug 17.4%

Mental Health 23.0%

## **Access to Quality Health Care**

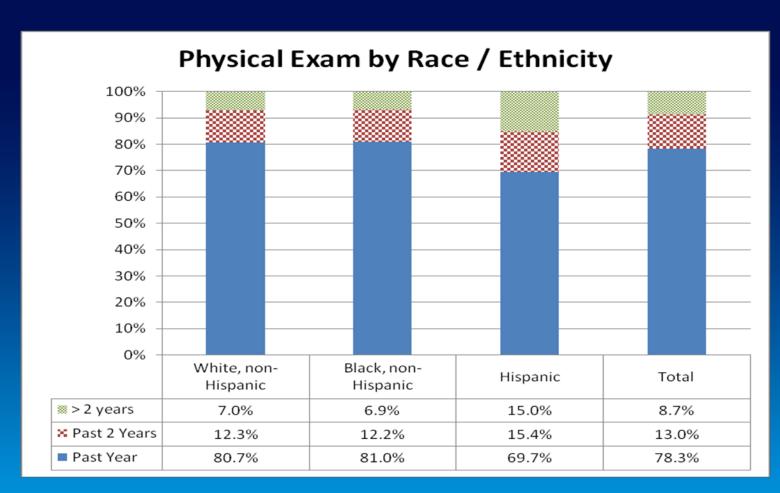




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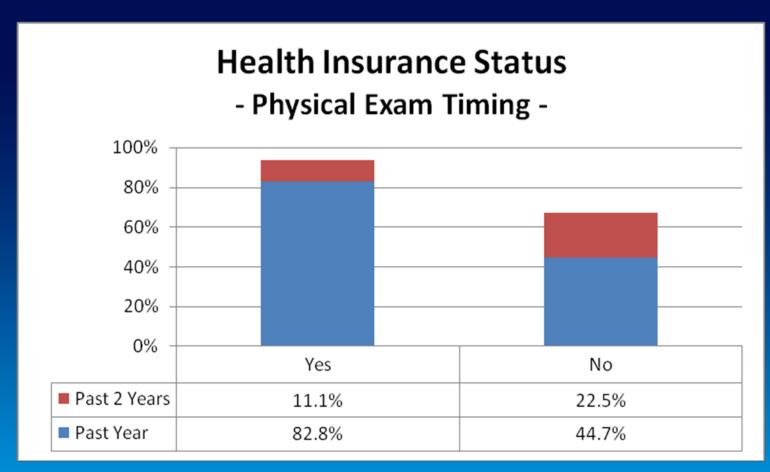
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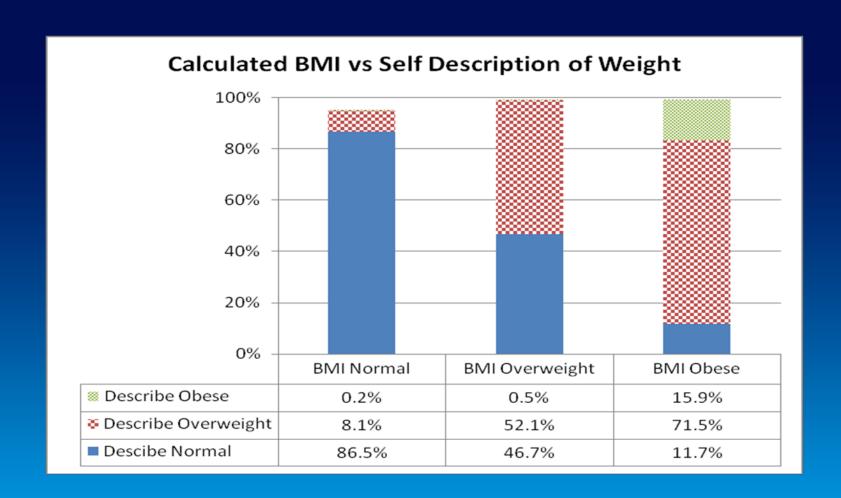
# **Chronic Disease Prevention & Control**



- Overweight & Obesity across all counties, all demographics
- Prevalence of overweight higher among Hispanics & Men
- Prevalence of obesity higher among blacks
- Overweight and obesity lower in the 18-24 year age group

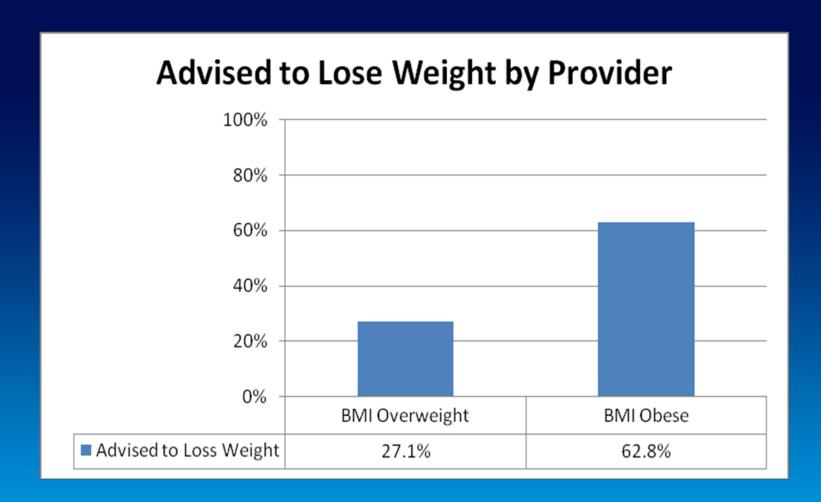
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# **Focus Groups**







### Summary of Health Planning Summit:

- Held June 10, 2010 in Newburgh, NY; 150 participants
- Dr. Richard Daines Keynote Speaker
- Presented findings from Consumer Survey
- Brainstormed community-based delivery models of care and prevention strategies to improve regional outcomes
  - Over 100 ideas were captured
- Participants were extremely satisfied:
  - > 74% very satisfied with presentations
  - > 66% very satisfied with breakout groups
  - Opportunity to network identified as most helpful element of the day
  - > 30% of participants willing to participate on a region taskforce

## **Initiative Development Process**



#### Following Summit, reviewed:

Barriers, Best Practices, Wish List

#### Considerations:

Program Length, Implementation Timing, Changes / Resources Required, Degree of Difficulty

#### **Evaluation Criteria:**

- Responsiveness to address priority area
- Level of collaboration required from community partners
- Ability to measure outcomes

# **Initiative Development Process**



#### Access to Quality Care:

- Empowering Straight Talk on Disparities
- Healthcare Access Super Directory
- Mid-Hudson Region Minority Health Coordinator

#### **Chronic Disease Prevention & Control:**

- BMI Awareness
- Healthy Messages & Programs Across Borders

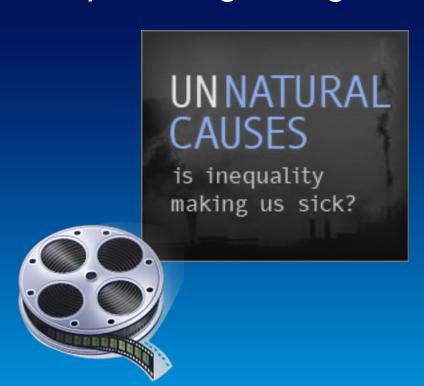
#### Maternal & Child Health:

- Regional Breastfeeding Support Line
- C-Section Hospital Checklist & Education Campaign

### **Initiative: Access**



Empowering Straight Talk on Disparities





## **Initiative: Chronic Disease**



Healthy Messages & Programs Across Borders

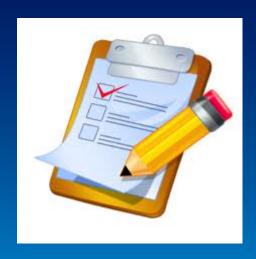


# Initiative: Maternal & Child Health



C-Section Hospital Checklist & Education Campaign





## Summary



- Value from a regional perspective
  - ☐ Common problems, but also common resources
- Moving forward, capitalize on opportunities and develop tangible programs and initiatives to address the priority areas
  - Complex problems may have simple solutions
- Renew commitment to implement viable plans that will improve the region's health
  - Health care leaders want to work together across county lines
- Strengthen our regional health systems approach
  - Many initiatives already taking place...how do we maximize the effort